

How a Small Amount Becomes a Large Amount – August 25th

Trivia question! What is the only miracle mentioned in all four Gospels? Yes! The Feeding of the 5,000. Let me read you this story from John's Gospel. Read John 6:1-7. I don't know about you, but I identify with Phillip! I am afraid, like Phillip, I would have seen feeding more than 5,000 people as impossible. Here is a lesson for all of us. With Jesus, the impossible *is* possible.

Read verses 8 – 13.

A boy in the crowd offered his lunch as the first course. Note how Andrew uses the word "small" twice to describe the fish and bread in the lunch pail. He sums up what I think is in many people's minds when he says, "how far will they go among so many?"

The answer is found in the next few verses. Read John 6:10-13.

Scholars believe that since Jews only counted men, there could potentially have been 20,000 hungry mouths to feed! Not only did the five *small* loaves and two *small* fish feed that number, but they also collected leftovers!

The only miracle appearing in all four Gospels came from a boy's *small* gift. The lesson for us is that the size of our gift doesn't determine the impact of that gift. As we approach our time of worship through giving, remember this story. You might think your gift is insignificant. Yet, combined with all our gifts, your generosity does indeed matter.

Today we encourage you to give through the many ways we have set up. Your gift that you might think is a small amount, combined with everyone's generosity, becomes a large amount helping us reach our city for Christ. **What all of us can do together is greater than what only a few of us can do.**